Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 28 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Tuesday 29 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Sunday 27 Dec 2020 at 11:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions to dominate over the coming days. The main uncertainty relates to the extent of snow along the West Coast on Monday and for any periods of stronger winds and more prolonged snow from mid week.

Headline for Monday 28 Dec 2020: A cold day with further snow along the West Coast.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 28 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	60%	60%	40%	10%	20%	20%

Forecast for Monday 28 Dec 2020

Weather: Clear skies through morning will allow a sharp frost to form. A bright, perhaps sunny morning with temperatures slow to climb above freezing. Predominantly dry through much of the day in the east but the west coast is likely to see thicker cloud and spells of snow through the first half of the day. A few snow showers possible elsewhere, most likely for Easter Ross after dark.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% west, 70% east. Cloud becoming extensive above 400m in the west. Some areas of cloud above 500m across Easter Ross and towards the Great Glen later in the day.

Visibility: Often poor in the west in cloud and snow, much improved in the east. Whiteout conditions possible.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	17/24 NE	14/19 NE	12/17 NE	11/14 E	11/15 S	14/18 SE	12/17 E	13/19 NE	11/16 N
900	17/23 NE	13/18 NE	12/17 NE	10/14 E	11/14 S	13/17 SE	11/16 E	12/18 NE	10/15 N
600	10/16 NE	9/15 NE	9/13 NE	7/11 E	8/11 S	8/13 E	7/12 NE	7/13 NE	6/11 N
300	5/18 NE	4/14 NE	4/13 E	3/10 E	3/11 NE	5/13 E	5/14 E	4/15 NE	4/13 N
Glen	9/18 NE	7/14 NE	5/10 NE	4/8 E	6/11 NE	7/15 NE	9/17 E	7/16 NE	6/12 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-12	-6/-12	-4/-10	-5/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-11	-6/-12
900	-5/-12	-5/-11	-4/-9	-4/-9	-4/-9	-4/-9	-3/-9	-4/-10	-5/-11
600	-3/-8	-3/-8	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-3/-7
300	-2/-5	-3/-6	-2/-4	-2/-5	-1/-3	-1/-3	-1/-4	-1/-4	-2/-4
Glen	1/-2	1/-2	1/-1	1/-1	3/0	2/-1	2/-2	2/-1	2/-1
Freezing Level*	00m	100m	100m	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds just strong enough to bring a significant chill. Be aware of conditions deteriorating in the east later in the day.

Forecast for Tuesday 29 Dec 2020
Weather: Another very cold start before scattered and often heavy snow showers spread southwards on freshening winds. A few brighter spells expected between these, but poor conditions likely never far away. Best of the shelter towards Glen Affric and Glen Shiel. Snow falling to 300m initially, rising to 600-700m by afternoon.

Maximum wind: NW 15-20mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% south, 30% north. Showers often bringing cloud down to 300-500m.

Visibility: Very variable and fast changing. Visibility reduced to several hundred metres in passing snow showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1-3C rising to plus 2C.
At 800m: Minus 3C.
Freezing level: 400m rising 600-800m.

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